

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development  
Office of Public and Indian Housing

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*Small PHA Plan Update for the  
Housing Authority of the City of Covington  
Annual Plan for Fiscal Year: 04/2002*

**NOTE: THIS PHA PLANS TEMPLATE (HUD 50075) IS TO BE COMPLETED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS LOCATED IN APPLICABLE PIH NOTICES**

**PHA Plan  
Agency Identification**

**PHA Name:** *Housing Authority of the City of Covington*

**PHA Number:** *LA238*

**PHA Fiscal Year Beginning: (mm/yyyy)** *04/2002*

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**Public Access to Information**

**Information regarding any activities outlined in this plan can be obtained by contacting:  
(select all that apply)**

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices

**Display Locations for PHA Plans and Supporting Documents**

The PHA Plans (including attachments) are available for public inspection at: (select all that apply)

- ☒ Main administrative office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ Main administrative office of the local, county or State government
- ☐ Public library
- ☐ PHA website
- ☐ Other (list below)

PHA Plan Supporting Documents are available for inspection at: (select all that apply)

- ☒ Main business office of the PHA
- ☐ PHA development management offices
- ☐ Other (list below)

**PHA Programs Administered:**

- ☒ Public Housing and Section 8      ☐ Section 8 Only      ☐ Public Housing Only

**Annual PHA Plan**  
**Fiscal Year 2002**  
 [24 CFR Part 903.7]

**i. Table of Contents**

Provide a table of contents for the Plan, including attachments, and a list of supporting documents available for public inspection. For Attachments, indicate which attachments are provided by selecting all that apply. Provide the attachment's name (A, B, etc.) in the space to the left of the name of the attachment. If the attachment is provided as a **SEPARATE** file submission from the PHA Plans file, provide the file name in parentheses in the space to the right of the title.

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*2001 Performance and Evaluation Report – LA238p01*

## **ii. Executive Summary**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

At PHA option, provide a brief overview of the information in the Annual Plan

*The Housing Authority of the City of Covington has prepared this Annual PHA Plan in compliance with Section 511 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 and the ensuing HUD requirements.*

*The purpose of the Annual Plan is to provide a framework for local accountability and an easily identifiable source by which public housing residents, participants in the tenant-based assistance program and other members of the public may locate basic PHA policies, rules and requirements related to the operations, programs and services of the agency.*

*The Mission Statement and the Goals and Objectives were based on information contained in our jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan and will assure that our residents will receive the best customer service.*

*Excellent customer service and fulfillment of the Mission Statement and Goals and Objectives is ensured by implementation of a series of policies that are on display with this Plan. The Admissions and Occupancy Policy and Section 8 Administrative Plan are the two primary policies on display. These important documents cover the public housing tenant selection and assignment plan, outreach services, PHA's responsibility to Section 8 owners/landlords, grievance procedures, etc.*

*The most important challenges to be met by the Housing Authority of the City of Covington during FY 2001 include:*

- *Preserve and improve the public housing stock through the Capital Funds activities;*
- *Involve the public housing residents and the Section 8 participants through the Annual Plan Resident Advisory Board;*
- *Train staff and commissioners to fully understand and take advantage of opportunities in the new law and regulations to better serve our residents and the community; and*
- *Identify, develop and leverage services to enable low-income families to become self-sufficient.*

*In closing, this Annual PHA Plan exemplifies the commitment of the Housing Authority of the City of Covington to meet the housing needs of the full range of low-income residents. The Housing Authority of the City of Covington, in partnership with agencies from all levels of government, the business community, non-profit community groups, and residents will use this plan as a road map to reach the "higher quality of life" destination for the City of Covington.*

## **1. Summary of Policy or Program Changes for the Upcoming Year**

In this section, briefly describe changes in policies or programs discussed in last year's PHA Plan that are not covered in other sections of this Update.

*Executive Summary included with this plan*

*Adoption of Pet Ownership Policies*

*Adoption of Community Service Policy - THIS SECTION MAY BE OPTIONAL CONTINGENT ON HUD POLICIES AND/OR REGULATION CHANGES.*

*Revision of Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendment statement*

*Inclusion of Deconcentration attachment*

*Inclusion of Involuntary Conversion attachment*

## **2. Capital Improvement Needs**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (g)]

Exemptions: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this component.

A. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the CFP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?

B. What is the amount of the PHA's estimated or actual (if known) Capital Fund Program grant for the upcoming year? \$ 94,342.00

C. ☒ Yes ☐ No Does the PHA plan to participate in the Capital Fund Program in the upcoming year? If yes, complete the rest of Component 7. If no, skip to next component.

D. Capital Fund Program Grant Submissions

### **(1) Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan**

The Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan is provided as Attachment *LA238c01*

### **(2) Capital Fund Program Annual Statement**

The Capital Fund Program Annual Statement is provided as Attachment *LA238b01*

*2000 Performance and Evaluation Report – LA238o01*

*2001 Performance and Evaluation Report – LA238p01*

### **3. Demolition and Disposition**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (h)]

Applicability: Section 8 only PHAs are not required to complete this section.

1. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to conduct any demolition or disposition activities (pursuant to section 18 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437p)) in the plan Fiscal Year? (If “No”, skip to next component ; if “yes”, complete one activity description for each development.)

#### 2. Activity Description

<b>Demolition/Disposition Activity Description (Not including Activities Associated with HOPE VI or Conversion Activities)</b>
1a. Development name:
1b. Development (project) number:
2. Activity type: Demolition <input type="checkbox"/> Disposition <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Application status (select one) Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Submitted, pending approval <input type="checkbox"/> Planned application <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Date application approved, submitted, or planned for submission: <u>(DD/MM/YY)</u>
5. Number of units affected:
6. Coverage of action (select one) <input type="checkbox"/> Part of the development <input type="checkbox"/> Total development
7. Relocation resources (select all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Section 8 for      units <input type="checkbox"/> Public housing for      units <input type="checkbox"/> Preference for admission to other public housing or section 8 <input type="checkbox"/> Other housing for      units (describe below)
8. Timeline for activity: a. Actual or projected start date of activity: b. Actual or projected start date of relocation activities: c. Projected end date of activity:

#### **4. Voucher Homeownership Program**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (k)]

- A. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA plan to administer a Section 8 Homeownership program pursuant to Section 8(y) of the U.S.H.A. of 1937, as implemented by 24 CFR part 982 ? (If “No”, skip to next component; if “yes”, describe each program using the table below (copy and complete questions for each program identified.)

#### **B. Capacity of the PHA to Administer a Section 8 Homeownership Program *n/a***

The PHA has demonstrated its capacity to administer the program by (select all that apply):

- ☐ Establishing a minimum homeowner down-payment requirement of at least 3 percent and requiring that at least 1 percent of the down-payment comes from the family’s resources
- ☐ Requiring that financing for purchase of a home under its section 8 homeownership will be provided, insured or guaranteed by the state or Federal government; comply with secondary mortgage market underwriting requirements; or comply with generally accepted private sector underwriting standards
- ☐ Demonstrating that it has or will acquire other relevant experience (list PHA experience, or any other organization to be involved and its experience, below):

#### **5. Safety and Crime Prevention: PHDEP Plan**

[24 CFR Part 903.7 (m)]

Exemptions Section 8 Only PHAs may skip to the next component PHAs eligible for PHDEP funds must provide a PHDEP Plan meeting specified requirements prior to receipt of PHDEP funds.

- A. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Is the PHA eligible to participate in the PHDEP in the fiscal year covered by this PHA Plan?
- B. What is the amount of the PHA’s estimated or actual (if known) PHDEP grant for the upcoming year? \$ 0.00
- C. ☐ Yes ☒ No Does the PHA plan to participate in the PHDEP in the upcoming year? If yes, answer question D. If no, skip to next component.
- D. ☐ Yes ☒ No: The PHDEP Plan is attached at Attachment \_\_\_\_\_



## 6. Other Information

[24 CFR Part 903.7 9 (r)]

### A. Resident Advisory Board (RAB) Recommendations and PHA Response

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Did the PHA receive any comments on the PHA Plan from the Resident Advisory Board/s?
2. If yes, the comments are attached at Attachment (File name) *LA238n01*
3. In what manner did the PHA address those comments? (select all that apply)
  - ☐ The PHA changed portions of the PHA Plan in response to comments  
A list of these changes is included
    - ☐ Yes ☐ No: below or
    - ☐ Yes ☐ No: at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment \_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Considered comments, but determined that no changes to the PHA Plan were necessary. An explanation of the PHA's consideration is included at the at the end of the RAB Comments in Attachment \_\_\_\_.
  - ☒ Other: (list below) *N/A – Residents were in agreement with Plan.*

### B. Statement of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan

For each applicable Consolidated Plan, make the following statement (copy questions as many times as necessary).

1. Consolidated Plan jurisdiction: (provide name here) *State of Louisiana*
2. The PHA has taken the following steps to ensure consistency of this PHA Plan with the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction: (select all that apply)
  - ☒ The PHA has based its statement of needs of families in the jurisdiction on the needs expressed in the Consolidated Plan/s.
  - ☐ The PHA has participated in any consultation process organized and offered by the Consolidated Plan agency in the development of the Consolidated Plan.
  - ☐ The PHA has consulted with the Consolidated Plan agency during the development of this PHA Plan.
  - ☐ Activities to be undertaken by the PHA in the coming year are consistent with specific initiatives contained in the Consolidated Plan. (list such initiatives below)
  - ☐ Other: (list below)
3. PHA Requests for support from the Consolidated Plan Agency
  - ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA request financial or other support from the State or local government agency in order to meet the needs of its public housing residents or inventory? If yes, please list the 5 most important requests below:

4. The Consolidated Plan of the jurisdiction supports the PHA Plan with the following actions and commitments: (describe below)

*The agency will continue to strive to meet the goals of the Consolidated Plan by addressing the needs of the very low and low-income families.*

## **C. Criteria for Substantial Deviation and Significant Amendments**

### **1. Amendment and Deviation Definitions**

24 CFR Part 903.7(r)

PHAs are required to define and adopt their own standards of substantial deviation from the 5-year Plan and Significant Amendment to the Annual Plan. The definition of significant amendment is important because it defines when the PHA will subject a change to the policies or activities described in the Annual Plan to full public hearing and HUD review before implementation.

#### **A. Substantial Deviation from the 5-year Plan:**

- *Any change to the Mission Statement;*
- *50% deletion from or addition to the goals and objectives as a whole; and*
- *50% or more decrease in the quantifiable measurement of any individual goal and objective.*

#### **B. Significant Amendment or Modification to the Annual Plan:**

- *Any increase or decrease over 50% in the funds projected in the Financial Resource Statement and/or the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement;*
- *Any change in a policy or procedure that requires a regulatory 30-day posting;*
- *Any submission to HUD that requires a separate notification to residents, such as HOPE VI, Public Housing Conversion, Demolition/Disposition, Designated Housing or Homeownership programs; and*
- *Any change inconsistent with the local, approved Consolidated Plan, in the discretion of the Executive Director.*

## **Attachment A**

### **Supporting Documents Available for Review**

PHAs are to indicate which documents are available for public review by placing a mark in the “Applicable & On Display” column in the appropriate rows. All listed documents must be on display if applicable to the program activities conducted by the PHA.

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
<i>X</i>	PHA Plan Certifications of Compliance with the PHA Plans and Related Regulations	5 Year and Annual Plans
<i>N/A</i>	State/Local Government Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan (not required for this update)	5 Year and Annual Plans
<i>X</i>	Fair Housing Documentation Supporting Fair Housing Certifications: Records reflecting that the PHA has examined its programs or proposed programs, identified any impediments to fair housing choice in those programs, addressed or is addressing those impediments in a reasonable fashion in view of the resources available, and worked or is working with local jurisdictions to implement any of the jurisdictions’ initiatives to affirmatively further fair housing that require the PHA’s involvement.	5 Year and Annual Plans
<i>X</i>	Housing Needs Statement of the Consolidated Plan for the jurisdiction/s in which the PHA is located and any additional backup data to support statement of housing needs in the jurisdiction	Annual Plan: Housing Needs
<i>X</i>	Most recent board-approved operating budget for the public housing program	Annual Plan: Financial Resources
<i>X</i>	Public Housing Admissions and (Continued) Occupancy Policy (A&O/ACOP), which includes the Tenant Selection and Assignment Plan [TSAP]	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
<i>N/A</i>	Any policy governing occupancy of Police Officers in Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A&O Policy	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
<i>X</i>	Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Eligibility, Selection, and Admissions Policies
<i>X</i>	Public housing rent determination policies, including the method for setting public housing flat rents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
<i>X</i>	Schedule of flat rents offered at each public housing development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Rent Determination
<i>X</i>	Section 8 rent determination (payment standard) policies <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Rent Determination

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
<i>X</i>	Public housing management and maintenance policy documents, including policies for the prevention or eradication of pest infestation (including cockroach infestation)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
<i>X</i>	Results of latest binding Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Assessment	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
<i>N/A</i>	Follow-up Plan to Results of the PHAS Resident Satisfaction Survey (if necessary)	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance and Community Service & Self-sufficiency
<i>X</i>	Results of latest Section 8 Management Assessment System (SEMAP)	Annual Plan: Management and Operations
<i>X</i>	Any required policies governing any Section 8 special housing types <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Operations and Maintenance
<i>X</i>	Public housing grievance procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
<i>X</i>	Section 8 informal review and hearing procedures <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in Section 8 Administrative Plan	Annual Plan: Grievance Procedures
<i>X</i>	The HUD-approved Capital Fund/Comprehensive Grant Program Annual Statement (HUD 52837) for any active grant year	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
<i>X</i>	Most recent CIAP Budget/Progress Report (HUD 52825) for any active CIAP grants	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
<i>N/A</i>	Approved HOPE VI applications or, if more recent, approved or submitted HOPE VI Revitalization Plans, or any other approved proposal for development of public housing	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
<i>N/A</i>	Self-evaluation, Needs Assessment and Transition Plan required by regulations implementing §504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act. See, PIH 99-52 (HA).	Annual Plan: Capital Needs
<i>N/A</i>	Approved or submitted applications for demolition and/or disposition of public housing	Annual Plan: Demolition and Disposition
<i>N/A</i>	Approved or submitted applications for designation of public housing (Designated Housing Plans)	Annual Plan: Designation of Public Housing
<i>N/A</i>	Approved or submitted assessments of reasonable revitalization of public housing and approved or submitted conversion plans prepared pursuant to section 202 of the 1996 HUD Appropriations Act, Section 22 of the US Housing Act of 1937, or Section 33 of the US Housing Act of 1937	Annual Plan: Conversion of Public Housing
<i>N/A</i>	Approved or submitted public housing homeownership programs/plans	Annual Plan: Homeownership

<b>List of Supporting Documents Available for Review</b>		
<b>Applicable &amp; On Display</b>	<b>Supporting Document</b>	<b>Related Plan Component</b>
N/A	Policies governing any Section 8 Homeownership program (section _____ of the Section 8 Administrative Plan)	Annual Plan: Homeownership
N/A	Cooperation agreement between the PHA and the TANF agency and between the PHA and local employment and training service agencies	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-sufficiency
N/A	FSS Action Plan/s for public housing and/or Section 8	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-sufficiency
N/A	Section 3 documentation required by 24 CFR Part 135, Subpart E	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-sufficiency
N/A	Most recent self-sufficiency (ED/SS, TOP or ROSS or other resident services grant) grant program reports	Annual Plan: Community Service & Self-sufficiency
N/A	The most recent Public Housing Drug Elimination Program (PHDEP) semi-annual performance report	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
N/A	PHDEP-related documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseline law enforcement services for public housing developments assisted under the PHDEP plan;</li> <li>Consortium agreement/s between the PHAs participating in the consortium and a copy of the payment agreement between the consortium and HUD (applicable only to PHAs participating in a consortium as specified under 24 CFR 761.15);</li> <li>Partnership agreements (indicating specific leveraged support) with agencies/organizations providing funding, services or other in-kind resources for PHDEP-funded activities;</li> <li>Coordination with other law enforcement efforts;</li> <li>Written agreement(s) with local law enforcement agencies (receiving any PHDEP funds); and</li> <li>All crime statistics and other relevant data (including Part I and specified Part II crimes) that establish need for the public housing sites assisted under the PHDEP Plan.</li> </ul>	Annual Plan: Safety and Crime Prevention
X	Policy on Ownership of Pets in Public Housing Family Developments (as required by regulation at 24 CFR Part 960, Subpart G) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> check here if included in the public housing A & O Policy	Pet Policy
X	The results of the most recent fiscal year audit of the PHA conducted under section 5(h)(2) of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U. S.C. 1437c(h)), the results of that audit and the PHA's response to any findings	Annual Plan: Annual Audit
N/A	Troubled PHAs: MOA/Recovery Plan	Troubled PHAs
N/A	Other supporting documents (optional) (list individually; use as many lines as necessary)	(specify as needed)

<b>Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</b> <b>Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part 1: Summary</b>					
<b>PHA Name:</b> <i>See attachment LA238b01</i>		<b>Grant Type and Number</b> Capital Fund Program: Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			<b>Federal FY of Grant:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Original Annual Statement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Revised Annual Statement (revision no:     )</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Final Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total non-CFP Funds				
2	1406 Operations				
3	1408 Management Improvements				
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs				
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures				
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment—Non-expendable				
12	1470 Non-dwelling Structures				
13	1475 Non-dwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1498 Mod Used for Development				
19	1502 Contingency				
20	Amount of Annual Grant: (sum of lines 2-19)				
21	Amount of line 20 Related to LBP Activities				
22	Amount of line 20 Related to Section 504 Compliance				
23	Amount of line 20 Related to Security				

<b>Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
<b>Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part 1: Summary</b>					
<b>PHA Name:</b>  <i>See attachment LA238b01</i>		<b>Grant Type and Number</b> Capital Fund Program: Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:			<b>Federal FY of Grant:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Original Annual Statement</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Reserve for Disasters/ Emergencies</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Revised Annual Statement (revision no:     )</b>					
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Performance and Evaluation Report for Period Ending:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Final Performance and Evaluation Report</b>					
<b>Line No.</b>	<b>Summary by Development Account</b>	<b>Total Estimated Cost</b>		<b>Total Actual Cost</b>	
24	Amount of line 20 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				









## Capital Fund Program 5-Year Action Plan

Complete one table for each development in which work is planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal years. Complete a table for any PHA-wide physical or management improvements planned in the next 5 PHA fiscal year. Copy this table as many times as necessary. Note: PHAs need not include information from Year One of the 5-Year cycle, because this information is included in the Capital Fund Program Annual Statement.

CFP 5-Year Action Plan		
<input type="checkbox"/> Original statement <input type="checkbox"/> Revised statement		
Development Number	Development Name (or indicate PHA wide)	
Description of Needed Physical Improvements or Management Improvements	Estimated Cost	Planned Start Date (HA Fiscal Year)
<i>See attachment LA238c01</i>		
<b>Total estimated cost over next 5 years</b>		

## PHA Public Housing Drug Elimination Program Plan

*Not applicable*

**Note: THIS PHDEP Plan template (HUD 50075-PHDEP Plan) is to be completed in accordance with Instructions located in applicable PIH Notices.**

### **Section 1: General Information/History**

**A. Amount of PHDEP Grant \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Eligibility type (Indicate with an “x”)**      **N1** \_\_\_\_\_ **N2** \_\_\_\_\_ **R** \_\_\_\_\_

**C. FFY in which funding is requested** \_\_\_\_\_

### **D. Executive Summary of Annual PHDEP Plan**

In the space below, provide a brief overview of the PHDEP Plan, including highlights of major initiatives or activities undertaken. It may include a description of the expected outcomes. The summary must not be more than five (5) sentences long

### **E. Target Areas**

Complete the following table by indicating each PHDEP Target Area (development or site where activities will be conducted), the total number of units in each PHDEP Target Area, and the total number of individuals expected to participate in PHDEP sponsored activities in each Target Area. Unit count information should be consistent with that available in PIC.

<b>PHDEP Target Areas (Name of development(s) or site)</b>	<b>Total # of Units within the PHDEP Target Area(s)</b>	<b>Total Population to be Served within the PHDEP Target Area(s)</b>

### **F. Duration of Program**

Indicate the duration (number of months funds will be required) of the PHDEP Program proposed under this Plan (place an “x” to indicate the length of program by # of months. For “Other”, identify the # of months).

**12 Months** \_\_\_\_\_ **18 Months** \_\_\_\_\_ **24 Months** \_\_\_\_\_

**G. PHDEP Program History**

Indicate each FY that funding has been received under the PHDEP Program (place an “x” by each applicable Year) and provide amount of funding received. If previously funded programs have not been closed out at the time of this submission, indicate the fund balance and anticipated completion date. The Fund Balances should reflect the balance as of Date of Submission of the PHDEP Plan. The Grant Term End Date should include any HUD-approved extensions or waivers. For grant extensions received, place “GE” in column or “W” for waivers.

<b>Fiscal Year of Funding</b>	<b>PHDEP Funding Received</b>	<b>Grant #</b>	<b>Fund Balance as of Date of this Submission</b>	<b>Grant Extensions or Waivers</b>	<b>Grant Start Date</b>	<b>Grant Term End Date</b>
FY 1995						
FY 1996						
FY 1997						
FY 1998						
FY 1999						

**Section 2: PHDEP Plan Goals and Budget****A. PHDEP Plan Summary**

In the space below, summarize the PHDEP strategy to address the needs of the target population/target area(s). Your summary should briefly identify: the broad goals and objectives, the role of plan partners, and your system or process for monitoring and evaluating PHDEP-funded activities. This summary should not exceed 5-10 sentences.

**B. PHDEP Budget Summary**

Enter the total amount of PHDEP funding allocated to each line item.

FFY _____ PHDEP Budget Summary	
Original statement	
Revised statement dated:	
Budget Line Item	Total Funding
9110 – Reimbursement of Law Enforcement	
9115 - Special Initiative	
9116 - Gun Buyback TA Match	
9120 - Security Personnel	
9130 - Employment of Investigators	
9140 - Voluntary Tenant Patrol	
9150 - Physical Improvements	
9160 - Drug Prevention	
9170 - Drug Intervention	
9180 - Drug Treatment	
9190 - Other Program Costs	
<b>TOTAL PHDEP FUNDING</b>	

**C. PHDEP Plan Goals and Activities**

In the tables below, provide information on the PHDEP strategy summarized above by budget line item. Each goal and objective should be numbered sequentially for each budget line item (where applicable). Use as many rows as necessary to list proposed activities (additional rows may be inserted in the tables). PHAs are not required to provide information in shaded boxes. Information provided must be concise—not to exceed two sentences in any column. Tables for line items in which the PHA has no planned goals or activities may be deleted.

9110 – Reimbursement of Law Enforcement					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDE P Funding	Other Funding (Amount/ Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9115 - Special Initiative					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount/ Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9116 - Gun Buyback TA Match					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9120 - Security Personnel					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9130 – Employment of Investigators					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							



9140 – Voluntary Tenant Patrol					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9150 - Physical Improvements					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9160 - Drug Prevention					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDep Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9170 - Drug Intervention					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Persons Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDep Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9180 - Drug Treatment					Total PHDEP Funding: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Person s Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHDEP Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							
3.							

9190 - Other Program Costs					Total PHDEP Funds: \$		
Goal(s)							
Objectives							
Proposed Activities	# of Person s Served	Target Population	Start Date	Expected Complete Date	PHEDep Funding	Other Funding (Amount /Source)	Performance Indicators
1.							
2.							

3.							
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# CAPITAL FUND PROGRAM TABLES START HERE

## Annual Statement /Performance and Evaluation Report Capital Funds Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF) Part 1: Summary

PHA Name: <div style="text-align: center;"><b>Housing Authority of the City of Covington</b></div>	Grant Type and Number: Capital Fund Program No: <span style="float: right;"><b>LA48P238501-02</b></span> Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:	Federal FY of Grant: <div style="text-align: center;"><b>2002</b></div>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Annual Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Reserved for Disasters/Emergencies	<input type="checkbox"/> Revised Annual Statement/Revision Number _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Performance and Evaluation Report for Program Year Ending _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Performance and Evaluation Report for Program Year Ending _____	

Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total Non-Capital Funds				
2	1406 Operating Expenses	1,915.00			
3	1408 Management Improvements	10,000.00			
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	8,000.00			
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	70,000.00			
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment-Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	<b>Amount of Annual Grant (sums of lines 2-20)</b>	<b>89,915.00</b>			
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of Line 21 Related to Section 504 Compliance				
24	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security - Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security - Hard Costs				
26	Amount of Line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

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**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report and Evaluation Report  
Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)  
Part II: Supporting Pages**

PHA Name: Housing Authority of the City of Covington		Grant Type and Number: Capital Fund Program No: LA48P238501-02 Replacement Housing Factor Grant No:						Federal FY of Grant: 2002	
Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work	
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds expended		
HA-Wide	Operations	1406		1,915.00					
	Management Improvements:	1408		10,000.00					
	Update utility allowances/energy audit								
	A/E Planning Fees and services	1430		8,000.00					
	Install central a/c & upgrade electrical at 001	1460	3 units	13,000.00					
	Add storage area to each unit at 002	1460		30,000.00					
	Paint exterior of units	1460	10 units	12,000.00					
	Install security screen doors & window screens at 002	1460	10 units	15,000.00					
	Subtotal 1460			70,000.00					



**Annual Statement/Performance and Evaluation Report and Evaluation Report**  
**Capital Fund Program and Capital Fund Program Replacement Housing Factor (CFP/CFPRHF)**  
**Part III: Implementation Schedule**

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## **Capital Funds Program Five Year Action Plan**

### **Part II: Supporting Pages--Work Activities**

Activities for Year 1	Activities for Year: 2 FFY Grant: 2003 PHA FY: 2003			Activities for Year: 3 FFY Grant: 2004 PHA FY: 2004		
	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
See	HA - Wide	Administrative costs (10% limit on grant)	8,991.00	HA - Wide	Bidding and advertising	500.00
		Bidding and advertising	500.00		Management Improvements, training	3,000.00
		A/E Planning Services/Fees	7,000.00		and software, etc.	-
		Install security windows/screen doors - 001	71,009.00		A/E Planning Services/Fees	9,000.00
		(40 units)			Landscaping at 001 and 002	25,000.00
Annual		Site signage	2,415.00		Exterior painting of 40 units @ 001	48,300.00
					Refrigerators, ranges, mowers, etc.	4,115.00
Statement						
		TOTAL CFP ESTIMATED COST - 2003	89,915.00		TOTAL CFP ESTIMATED COST - 2004	89,915.00

# Capital Funds Program Five Year Action Plan

## Part II: Supporting Pages--Work Activities

Activities for Year 1	Activities for Year: 4 FFY Grant: 2005 PHA FY: 2005			Activities for Year: 5 FFY Grant: 2006 PHA FY: 2006		
	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost	Development Name/Number	Major Work Categories	Estimated Cost
See	HA - Wide	Development activities	2,000.00	HA - Wide	Operations	10,000.00
		A/E Planning Fees/Services	4,832.00		Management Improvements/Training	10,000.00
		Roofing work	15,000.00		A/E Planning Fees/Services	3,832.00
		Replace refrigerators	25,000.00		Computer Center Tutoring	10,000.00
		Replace stoves	20,000.00		Development activities	3,000.00
Annual		Replace hot water heaters	18,000.00		Replace tile at 001 and 002	25,000.00
		Community room equipment	8,000.00		Termite treatment	8,000.00
					Replace blinds	8,000.00
					Vehicle	15,000.00
Statement						
		<b>TOTAL CFP ESTIMATED COST - 2005</b>	<b>92,832.00</b>		<b>TOTAL CFP ESTIMATED COST - 2006</b>	<b>92,832.00</b>

## ***Housing Authority of the City of Covington***

### **Required Attachment LA238d01: Resident Member on the PHA Governing Board**

1. ☒ Yes ☐ No: Does the PHA governing board include at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA this year? (if no, skip to #2)

A. Name of resident member(s) on the governing board: *Geraldine Price*

B. How was the resident board member selected: (select one)?

☐ Elected

☒ Appointed

C. The term of appointment is (include the date term expires): *October/2002*

2. A. If the PHA governing board does not have at least one member who is directly assisted by the PHA, why not?

- ☐ the PHA is located in a State that requires the members of a governing board to be salaried and serve on a full time basis
- ☐ the PHA has less than 300 public housing units, has provided reasonable notice to the resident advisory board of the opportunity to serve on the governing board, and has not been notified by any resident of their interest to participate in the Board.

☐ Other (explain):

B. Date of next term expiration of a governing board member: *2002*

C. Name and title of appointing official(s) for governing board (indicate appointing official for the next position): *Keith Villere, Mayor*

## ***Housing Authority of the City of Covington***

### **Required Attachment LA238e01: Membership of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards**

List members of the Resident Advisory Board or Boards: (If the list would be unreasonably long, list organizations represented or otherwise provide a description sufficient to identify how members are chosen.)

*Geraldine Price*

*Diana Daniels*

*Laura Brumfield*

*Wilma Mince*

*Gwendolyn Norman*

Housing Authority of the City of Covington  
PHA Plan Update for FYB 2001

Statement of Progress

The Housing Authority of has been successful in achieving its mission and goals in the year 2001. Goals are either completed or on target for completion by the end of the year.

To ensure compliance with the Public Housing Reform Act of 1998, every policy was reviewed and updated as needed. Most significant was the update to the Admissions and Occupancy Policy and the Section 8 Administrative Plan.

Concerning ensuring equal opportunity outreach efforts have been made by making renewed partnerships with community groups and medical facilities.

*THIS SECTION MAY BE OPTIONAL CONTINGENT ON HUD POLICIES AND/OR  
REGULATION CHANGES.*

**COMMUNITY SERVICE POLICY  
FOR THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE POLICY**

Section 512 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, which amends Section 12 of the Housing Act of 1937, establishes a new requirement for non-exempt residents of public housing to contribute eight (8) hours of community service each month or to participate in a self-sufficiency program for eight (8) hours each month. Community service is a service for which individuals are not paid. The Housing Authority of the City of Covington, LA (herein referred to as PHA) believes that the community service requirement should not be perceived by the resident to be a punitive or demeaning activity, but rather to be a rewarding activity that will benefit both the resident and the community. Community service offers public housing residents an opportunity to contribute to the communities that support them.

In order to effectively implement this new requirement, the Housing Authority of the City of Covington, LA establishes the following Policy.

### **1. Community Service**

The PHA will provide residents, identified as required to participate in community service, a variety of voluntary activities and locations where the activities can be performed. The activities may include, but are not limited to:

- improving the physical environment of the resident's developments;
- selected office related services in the development or Administrative Office;
- volunteer services in local schools, day care centers, hospitals, nursing homes, youth or senior organizations, drug/alcohol treatment centers, recreation centers, etc;
- neighborhood group special projects;
- self-improvement activities such as household budget, credit counseling, English proficiency, GED classes or other educational activities;
- tutoring elementary or high school age residents; and
- serving in on-site computer training centers.

Voluntary political activities are prohibited.

### **2. Program Administration**

The PHA may administer its own community service program in conjunction with the formation of cooperative relationships with other community based entities such as TANF, Social Services Agencies or other organizations which have as their goal, the improvement and advancement of disadvantaged families. The PHA may seek to contract its community service program out to a third-party.



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In conjunction with its own or partnership program, the PHA will provide reasonable accommodations for accessibility to persons with disabilities. The PHA may directly supervise community service activities and may develop and provide a directory of opportunities from which residents may select. When services are provided through partnering agencies, the PHA will confirm the resident's participation. Should contracting out the community service function be determined to be the most efficient method for the PHA to accomplish this requirement, the PHA will monitor the agency for contract compliance.

The PHA will assure that the service is not labor that would normally be performed by PHA employees responsible for the essential maintenance and property services.

### 3. Self-Sufficiency

The PHA will inform residents that participation in self-sufficiency activities for eight (8) hours each month can satisfy the community service requirement and encourage non-exempt residents to select such activities to satisfy the requirement. It should be noted that an individual may satisfy this requirement through a combination of community service and self-sufficiency activities totaling at least eight (8) hours per month. Such activities can include, but are not limited to:

- apprenticeships and job readiness training;
- substance abuse and mental health counseling and treatment;
- English proficiency, GED, adult education, junior college or other formal education;
- household budgeting and credit counseling;
- small business training.

The PHA may sponsor its own economic self-sufficiency program or coordinate with local social services, volunteer organizations and TANF agencies.

### 4. Geographic Location

The PHA recognizes that the intent of this requirement is to have residents provide service to their own communities, either in the PHA's developments or in the broader community in which the PHA operates.

### 5. Exemptions

In accordance with provisions in the Act, the PHA will exempt from participation in community service requirements the following groups:

- adults who are 62 years of age or older;
- persons engaged in work activities as defined under Social Security (full-time or

- part-time employment);
- participants in a welfare to work program;
- persons receiving assistance from and in compliance with State programs funded under part A, title IV of the Social Security Act; and
- the disabled but only to the extent that the disability makes the person “unable to comply” with the community service requirements.

The PHA will determine, at the next regularly scheduled reexamination, on or after the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2001 the status of each household member eighteen (18) years of age or older with respect to the requirement to participate in community service activities. The PHA will use the “PHA Family Community Service Monthly Time-Sheet” to document resident eligibility and the hours of community service. A record for each adult will be established and community service placement selections made. Each non-exempt household member will be provided with forms to be completed by a representative of the service or economic self-sufficiency activity verifying the hours of volunteer service conducted each month.

The PHA will also assure that procedures are in place which provide residents the opportunity to change status with respect to the community service requirement. Such changes include, but are not limited to:

- going from unemployment to employment;
- entering a job training program;
- entering an educational program which exceeds eight (8) hours monthly.

All exemptions to the community service requirement will be verified and documented in the resident file. Required verifications may include, but not be limited to:

- third-party verification of employment, enrollment in a training or education program, welfare to work program or other economic self sufficiency activities;
- birth certificates to verify age 62 or older; or
- if appropriate, verification of disability limitations.

Families who pay flat rents, live in public housing units within market rate developments or families who are over income when they initially occupy a public housing unit will not receive an automatic exception.

#### 6. Cooperative Relationships with Welfare Agencies

The PHA may initiate cooperative relationships with local service agencies that provide assistance to its families to facilitate information exchange, expansion of community service/self-sufficiency program options and aid in the coordination of those activities.

7. Lease Requirements and Documentation

The PHA's lease has a twelve (12)-month term and is automatically renewable except for non-compliance with the community service requirement. The lease also provides for termination and eviction of the entire household for such non-compliance. The lease provisions will be implemented for current residents at the next regularly scheduled reexamination. The PHA will not renew or extend the lease if the household contains a non-exempt member who has failed to comply with the community service requirement.

Documentation of compliance or non-compliance will be placed in each resident file.

8. Non-compliance

If the PHA determines that a resident who is not an "exempt individual" has not complied with the community service requirement, the PHA must notify the resident:

1. of the non-compliance;
2. that the determination is subject to the PHA's administrative grievance procedure;
3. that unless the resident enters into an agreement under paragraph 4. of this section, the lease of the family of which the non-compliant adult is a member may not be renewed. However, if the non-compliant adult moves from the unit, the lease may be renewed;
4. that before the expiration of the lease term, the PHA must offer the resident an opportunity to cure the non-compliance during the next twelve (12)-month period; such a cure includes a written agreement by the non-compliant adult and the head of household (as applicable) to complete as many additional hours of community service or economic self-sufficiency activity needed to make up the total number of hours required over the twelve (12)-month term of the lease.

## NOTICE

*Although we have made our best effort to comply with regulations, laws, and Federal/local policies the Nelrod Company does not offer advice on legal matters or render legal opinions. We recommend that this policy be reviewed by the Housing Authority's general counsel and/or attorney prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners.*

*The Nelrod Company is not responsible for any changes made to these policies by any party other than the Nelrod Company.*

**PET OWNERSHIP POLICY  
(FAMILY)  
FOR  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
COVINGTON, LOUISIANA**

## **PET OWNERSHIP POLICY**

### **OVERVIEW**

Section 526 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 added a new Section 31 ("Pet Ownership in Public Housing") to the United States Housing Act of 1937. Section 31 establishes pet ownership requirements for residents of public housing other than Federally assisted rental housing for the elderly or persons with disabilities. In brief, this section states that: A resident of a dwelling unit in public housing may own one (1) or more common household pets or have such pets present in the dwelling unit. Allowance of pets is subject to reasonable requirements of the PHA. A proposed rule to implement Section 31 was published in the June 23, 1999, Federal Register. On July 10, 2000, a final rule incorporating comments received, was published in the Federal Register. This policy reflects the final rule requirements.

The Housing Authority of the City of Covington, LA (herein referred to as PHA) will notify eligible new and current residents of their right to own pets subject to the PHA's rules and will provide them copies of the PHA's Pet Ownership Rules. To obtain permission, pet owners must agree to abide by those Rules.

In consulting with residents currently living in the PHA's developments, the PHA will develop appropriate pet ownership rules, include those rules in their Agency Plan and notify all such residents that:

- A. all residents are permitted to own and keep common domesticated household pets, such as a cat, dog, bird, and fish, in their dwelling units, in accordance with PHA pet ownership rules;
- 2. a non-refundable nominal pet fee of \$100.00 will be charged and is intended to cover the reasonable operating costs to the development directly attributable to a pet or pets in the unit (i.e., fumigation of a unit). A refundable pet deposit of \$ 100.00 will be assessed and is intended to cover additional costs not otherwise covered which are directly attributable to the pet's presence (i.e., damages to the unit, yard, fumigation of a unit, etc.);
- C. animals that are used to assist the disabled are excluded from the size, weight, type and non-refundable fee requirements pertaining to ownership of service animals; however, they will be required to assure that proper licensing, inoculations, leash restraints, etc. in accordance with State or local law are observed;

Pet Ownership Policy-Family

- D. residents may request a copy of the PHA's pet ownership rules or proposed amendments to the rules at any time; and,
- E. if the dwelling lease of a resident prohibits pet ownership, the resident may request that the lease be amended to permit pet ownership, in accordance with the PHA's pet ownership rules shown below;
- F. Section 31 does not alter, in any way, the regulations applicable to Federally assisted housing for the elderly and persons with disabilities found at Section 227 of the Housing and Urban-Rural Recovery Act of 1983 and located in 24 CFR part 5, subpart C;
- G. **New Section 960.705 of 24 CFR clarifies that the regulations added in Section 31 do not apply to service animals that assist persons with disabilities. This exclusion applies to both service animals that reside in public housing and service animals that visit PHA developments. Nothing in this rule limits or impairs the rights of persons with disabilities, authorizes PHAs to limit or impair the rights of persons with disabilities, or affects any authority PHAs may have to regulate service animals that assist persons with disabilities.**

## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, LA

### Pet Ownership Rules for Families

1. Common household pet means a domesticated cat, dog, bird, gerbil, hamster, Guinea pig and fish in aquariums. Reptiles of any kind, with the exception of small turtles or lizards in a terrarium, as well as mice and rats are prohibited. These definitions do not include any wild animal, bird of prey, dangerous fish, snakes, spiders or other insects, or any farm animals.
2. Each household shall have only one pet (except fish or birds). The limit for birds is two (2).
3. The pet owner shall have only a small cat or a dog. The animal's weight shall not exceed *twenty (20) pounds*. The animal's height shall not exceed *fifteen (15) inches*. Such limitations do not apply to a ***service animal*** used to assist a disabled resident.
4. Pet owners shall license their pets (if required by state or local law) yearly with the City of Covington, LA or as required. The pet owner must show the PHA proof of rabies and distemper booster inoculations and licensing annually.
5. No pet owner shall keep a pet in violation of State or local health or humane laws or ordinances. Any failure of these pet ownership rules to contain other applicable State or local laws or ordinances does not relieve the pet owner of the responsibility for complying with such requirements.
6. The pet owner shall have his or her cat or dog spayed or neutered and shall pay the cost thereof. A veterinarian shall verify that the spaying or neutering has been accomplished.
7. All cats shall be declawed. Proof of compliance shall be furnished to management.
8. The pet owner shall house the pet inside the pet owner's dwelling unit. The pet owner shall keep a cat or a dog on a leash and shall control the animal when it is taken out of the dwelling unit for any purpose. The owner of a bird(s) shall confine them to a cage at all times. No pet owner shall allow his or her pet to be unleashed or loose outside the pet owner's dwelling unit.
9. No pet shall be permitted in any common area except as necessary to directly enter and exit the building. This restriction is not applicable to service animals.
10. No pet (other than birds or fish) shall be permitted to remain in an apartment overnight while the resident is away.
11. Management shall furnish to the household a pet sticker if the pet is a dog or cat



which must be displayed on the front entrance door of the unit.

12. Resident shall provide the PHA a color photograph of the pet(s).
13. All dogs and cats shall wear a collar at all times. Attached to the collar shall be an ID tag listing the pet owner's name and address.
14. Any resident having a dog or cat shall obtain some type of "scooper" to clean up after the pet outdoors. The resident is responsible for placing all waste in sealed plastic bags and disposing of such material in a trash container.
15. Resident is required to take whatever action necessary to insure that their pet does not bring any fleas or ticks into the building. This may include, but is not limited to, the use of flea collars and flea powder. The resident is responsible for the cost of flea/tick extermination.
16. No resident shall keep, raise, train, breed or maintain any pet of any kind at any location, either inside or outside the dwelling unit, for any commercial purpose.
17. No pet owner shall keep a vicious or intimidating pet on the premises (i.e. pit bulls or any other vicious or intimidating breeds). Any animal identified in local or State law or ordinance as dangerous or vicious will be prohibited. If the pet owner declines, delays or refuses to remove such a pet from the premises, the PHA shall do so, in order to safeguard the health and welfare of other residents.
18. No pet owner shall permit his or her pet to disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of the pet owner's neighbors or other residents. The terms "disturb, interfere or diminish" shall include but not be limited to barking, howling, biting, scratching, chirping and other activities of a disturbing nature. If the pet owner declines, delays or refuses to remove the pet from the premises, the PHA shall do so.
19. The owner of a cat shall feed the animal at least once per day; provide a litter box inside the dwelling unit; clean the litter box at least every two (2) days; and take the animal to a veterinarian at least once per year. The pet owner shall not permit refuse from the litter box to accumulate or to become unsanitary or unsightly, and shall dispose of such droppings by placing them in a plastic tie sack in a designated trash container outside the building where the pet owner lives.
20. The owner of a dog shall feed the animal at least once per day; take the animal for a walk at least twice per day; remove the animals droppings at least twice per day; and take the animal to a veterinarian at least once per year. The pet owner shall not permit dog droppings to accumulate or to become unsanitary or unsightly, and shall dispose of such droppings by placing them in a plastic tie sack in a designated trash container outside the building where the pet owner lives.

21. The pet owner shall take the precautions and measures necessary to eliminate pet odors within and around the dwelling unit, and shall maintain the dwelling unit in a sanitary condition at all times, as determined by the PHA.
22. The pet owner shall keep the pet, dwelling unit, and surrounding areas free of fleas, ticks and/or other vermin.
23. No pet owner shall alter the dwelling unit or the surrounding premises to create a space, hole, container or enclosure for any pet.
24. Resident agrees that the PHA shall have the right to remove any pet should the pet become vicious, display symptoms of severe illness or demonstrate other behavior that constitutes an immediate threat to the health or safety of the tenancy as a whole. If the PHA requests that the resident remove the pet from the premises and resident refuses to do so, or if the PHA is unable to contact the resident to make the request, the PHA may take such actions as deemed necessary, e.g. placing the pet in a facility that will provide the pet with care and shelter at the expense of the pet owner for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. PHA staff shall enter a dwelling unit where a pet has been left untended for twenty-four (24) hours, remove the pet and transfer it to the proper local authorities, subject to any provisions of State or local law or ordinances in this regard. The PHA shall accept no responsibility for the pet under such circumstances.
25. Each pet owner shall pay a non-refundable pet fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ and a refundable pet deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A refundable deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ will be charged for aquariums. There is no pet deposit for birds, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs or turtles. The pet fee/deposit is not part of the rent payable by the pet owner, and is in addition to any other financial obligation generally imposed on residents of the development where the pet owner lives. The PHA shall use the non-refundable pet fee only to pay reasonable expenses directly attributable to the presence of the pet in the development, including, but not limited to the cost of repairs and replacements to, and the fumigation of, the pet owner's dwelling unit. The refundable deposit will be used, if appropriate, to correct damages directly attributable to the presence of the pet.
26. The refundable pet deposit will be placed in an escrow account and the PHA will refund the unused portion to the resident within thirty (30) days after the pet owner moves from the dwelling unit or no longer owns or keeps a pet in the dwelling unit. Should State or local law require that the pet deposit be placed in an interest bearing account, the PHA will provide for such deposit and will account for all interest individually by pet owner family. Should the State or local law not specifically address the issue of pet deposit interest, the PHA shall determine payment or non-payment of interest based on State or local law with respect to rental security deposit

requirements.

27. All residents are prohibited from feeding, housing or caring for stray animals or birds. Such action shall constitute having a pet without permission of the PHA.
28. Each pet owner shall identify an alternate custodian for his or her pet. If the pet owner is ill or absent from the dwelling unit and unable to care for his or her pet, the alternate custodian shall assume responsibility for the care and keeping of the pet, including, if necessary, the removal of the pet from PHA premises.
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(Name of Pet)

(Type of Pet)

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Signature

Sworn and subscribed before  
me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Notary of Public

My Commission Expires:

**PET POLICY ADDENDUM**

I have read and understand the above pet ownership rules and agree to abide by them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHA Staff member's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Type of Animal and Breed

Name of Pet

Description of Pet (color, size, weight, sex, etc.)

The alternate custodian for my pet is:

Custodian's first, middle and last name; post office box; street address; zip code; area telephone code and telephone number:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Resident's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Refundable Damage Deposit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Non-refundable Damage Deposit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**PET OWNERSHIP**  
**(ELDERLY/DISABLED RESIDENTS)**  
**FOR**  
**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF**  
**COVINGTON, LOUISIANA**



## **PET OWNERSHIP POLICY**

Housing Authority residents who reside in developments specifically designated for elderly and/or disabled are permitted to own and keep pets in their dwelling units. The Housing Authority of the City of Covington, LA (herein referred to as PHA) will notifies eligible new and current residents of that right and provides them copies of the PHA's Pet Ownership Rules. To obtain permission, pet owners must agree to abide by those Rules.

In consulting with residents currently living in the PHA's developments for the elderly or disabled, the PHA will notify all such residents that:

- A. elderly or disabled residents are permitted to own and keep common domesticated household pets, such as a cat, dog, bird, and fish, in their dwelling units, in accordance with PHA pet ownership rules;
- B. animals that are used to assist the disabled are excluded from the size, weight, and type requirements pertaining to ownership of service animals; however, they will be required to assure that proper licensing, inoculations, leash restraints, etc. in accordance with State or local law are observed;
- C. residents may request a copy of the PHA's pet ownership rules or proposed amendments to the rules at any time; and,
- D. if the dwelling lease of an elderly or disabled resident prohibits pet ownership, the resident may request that the lease be amended to permit pet ownership, in accordance with the PHA's pet ownership rules shown below.

## HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON, LA

### Pet Ownership Rules for Elderly/Disabled Residents

1. Common household pet means a domesticated cat, dog, bird, gerbil, hamster, Guinea pig and fish in aquariums. Reptiles of any kind, with the exception of small turtles or lizards in a terrarium, as well as mice and rats are prohibited. These definitions do not include any wild animal, bird of prey, dangerous fish, snakes, spiders or other insects, or any farm animals.
2. Each household shall have only one pet (except fish or birds). The limit for birds is two (2).
3. The pet owner shall have only a small cat or a dog. The animal's weight shall not exceed *twenty (20) pounds*. The animal's height shall not exceed *fifteen (15) inches*. Such limitations do not apply to a *service animal* used to assist a disabled resident.
4. Pet owners shall license their pets (if required by state or local law) yearly with the City of Covington, LA or as required. The pet owner must show the PHA proof of rabies and distemper booster inoculations and licensing annually.
5. No pet owner shall keep a pet in violation of State or local health or humane laws or ordinances. Any failure of these pet ownership rules to contain other applicable State or local laws or ordinances does not relieve the pet owner of the responsibility for complying with such requirements.
6. The pet owner shall have his or her cat or dog spayed or neutered and shall pay the cost thereof. A veterinarian shall verify that the spaying or neutering has been accomplished. If the animal is less than six (6) months old, resident must agree to have the appropriate procedures performed when the animal reaches the age of six (6) months. Exceptions to this requirement shall be granted only upon certification from a veterinarian that permanent harm may result from this procedure due to the pet's age or illness.
7. All cats shall be declawed. Proof of compliance shall be furnished to management.
8. The pet owner shall house the pet inside the pet owner's dwelling unit. The pet owner shall keep a cat or a dog on a leash and shall control the animal when it is taken out of the dwelling unit for any purpose. The owner of a bird(s) shall confine them to a cage at all times. No pet owner shall allow his or her pet to be unleashed or loose outside the pet owner's dwelling unit.
9. No pet shall be permitted in any common area except as necessary to directly enter

and exit the building. This restriction is not applicable to service animals.

10. No pet (other than birds or fish) shall be permitted to remain in an apartment overnight while the resident is away.
11. Management shall furnish to the household a pet sticker if the pet is a dog or cat which must be displayed on the front entrance door of the unit.
12. Resident shall provide the PHA a color photograph of the pet(s).
13. All dogs and cats shall wear a collar at all times. Attached to the collar shall be an ID tag listing the pet owner's name and address.
14. Any resident having a dog or cat shall obtain some type of "scooper" to clean up after the pet outdoors. The resident is responsible for placing all waste in sealed plastic bags and disposing of such material in a trash container.
15. Resident is required to take whatever action necessary to insure that their pet does not bring any fleas or ticks into the building. This may include, but is not limited to, the use of flea collars and flea powder. The resident is responsible for the cost of flea/tick extermination.
16. No resident shall keep, raise, train, breed or maintain any pet of any kind at any location, either inside or outside the dwelling unit, for any commercial purpose.
17. No pet owner shall keep a vicious or intimidating pet on the premises (i.e. pit bulls or any other vicious or intimidating breeds). Any animal identified in local or State law or ordinance as dangerous or vicious will be prohibited. If the pet owner declines, delays or refuses to remove the pet from the premises, the PHA shall do so, in order to safeguard the health and welfare of other residents.
18. No pet owner shall permit his or her pet to disturb, interfere or diminish the peaceful enjoyment of the pet owner's neighbors or other residents. The terms "disturb, interfere or diminish" shall include but not be limited to barking, howling, biting, scratching, chirping and other activities of a disturbing nature. If the pet owner declines, delays or refuses to remove the pet from the premises, the PHA shall do so.
19. The owner of a cat shall feed the animal at least once per day; provide a litter box inside the dwelling unit; clean the litter box at least every two (2) days; and take the animal to a veterinarian at least once per year. The pet owner shall not permit refuse from the litter box to accumulate or to become unsanitary or unsightly, and shall dispose of such droppings by placing them in a plastic tie sack in a designated trash

container outside the building where the pet owner lives.

20. The owner of a dog shall feed the animal at least once per day; take the animal for a walk at least twice per day; remove the animals droppings at least twice per day; and take the animal to a veterinarian at least once per year. The pet owner shall not permit dog droppings to accumulate or to become unsanitary or unsightly, and shall dispose of such droppings by placing them in a plastic tie sack in a designated trash container outside the building where the pet owner lives.
21. The pet owner shall take the precautions and measures necessary to eliminate pet odors within and around the dwelling unit, and shall maintain the dwelling unit in a sanitary condition at all times, as determined by the PHA.
22. The pet owner shall keep the pet, dwelling unit, and surrounding areas free of fleas, ticks and/or other vermin.
23. No pet owner shall alter the dwelling unit or the surrounding premises to create a space, hole, container or enclosure for any pet.
24. Resident agrees that the PHA shall have the right to remove any pet should the pet become vicious, display symptoms of severe illness or demonstrate other behavior that constitutes an immediate threat to the health or safety of the tenancy as a whole. If the PHA requests that the resident remove the pet from the premises and resident refuses to do so, or if the PHA is unable to contact the resident to make the request, the PHA may take such actions as deemed necessary, e.g. placing the pet in a facility that will provide the pet with care and shelter at the expense of the pet owner for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. PHA staff shall enter a dwelling unit where a pet has been left untended for twenty-four (24) hours, remove the pet and transfer it to the proper local authorities, subject to any provisions of State or local law or ordinances in this regard. The PHA shall accept no responsibility for the pet under such circumstances.
25. Each pet owner shall pay a refundable pet deposit of \$ 100.00. The PHA may wave the requirement for a security deposit for a service animal as a reasonable accommodation. There is no pet deposit for fish, birds, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs or turtles. The pet deposit is not part of the rent payable by the pet owner, and is in addition to any other financial obligation generally imposed on residents of the development where the pet owner lives. The PHA shall use the pet deposit only to pay reasonable expenses directly attributable to the presence of the pet in the development, including but not limited to: the cost of repairs and replacements to from damages, and the fumigation of the pet owner's dwelling unit.
26. The refundable pet deposit will be placed in an escrow account and the PHA will

refund the unused portion to the pet owner within thirty (30) days after the pet owner moves from the dwelling unit or no longer owns or keeps a pet in the dwelling unit. Should State or local law require that the pet deposit be placed in an interest bearing account, the PHA will provide for such deposit and will account for all interest individually by pet owner family. Should the State or local law not specifically address the issue of pet deposit interest, the PHA shall determine payment or non-payment of interest based on State or local law with respect to rental security deposit requirements.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Amount Paid

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**DECONCENTRATION AND INCOME TARGETING POLICY  
FOR THE  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF  
COVINGTON, LA**

## **DECONCENTRATION AND INCOME TARGETING POLICY** *(of the Public Housing Admissions and Occupancy Policy)*

Sub-Title A, Section 513 of the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998 (QHWRA), establishes two interrelated requirements for implementation by Public Housing Authorities: (1) Economic Deconcentration of public housing developments and (2) Income Targeting to assure that families in the “extremely low” income category are proportionately represented in public housing and that pockets of poverty are reduced or eliminated. Under the deconcentration requirement, PHAs are to implement a program which provides that families with lowest incomes will be offered units in housing developments where family incomes are the highest and high-income families will be offered units in developments where family incomes are the lowest. In order to implement these new requirements the PHA must promote these provisions as policies and revise their Admission and Occupancy policies and procedures to comply.

Therefore, the Housing Authority of the City of Covington, LA (PHA) hereby affirms its commitment to implementation of the two requirements by adopting the following policies:

1.     Economic Deconcentration:

Admission and Occupancy policies are revised to include the PHA’s policy of promoting economic deconcentration of its housing developments by offering low-income families, selected in accordance with applicable preferences and priorities, units in developments where family incomes are highest. Conversely, families with higher incomes will be offered units in developments with the lowest average family incomes.

Implementation of this program will require the PHA to: (1) determine and compare the relative tenant incomes of each development and the incomes of families in the census tracts in which the developments are located, and (2) consider what policies, measures or incentives are necessary to bring high-income families into low-income developments (or into developments in low-income census tracts) and low-income families into high-income developments (or into developments in high-income census tracts).

In addition, an assessment of the average family income for each development is necessary. Families will be provided with an explanation of the policy during the application/screening process and/or the occupancy orientation sessions and given opportunities to discuss the options available to them. The families will also be informed that should they choose not to accept the first unit offered under this system, their refusal will not be cause to drop their name to the bottom of the list.

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Implementation may include one or more of the following options:

- Skipping families on the waiting list based on income;
- Establishing preferences for working families;
- Establish preferences for families in job training programs;
- Establish preferences for families in education or training programs;
- Marketing campaign geared toward targeting income groups for specific developments;
- Additional supportive services;
- Additional amenities for all units;
- Ceiling rents;
- Flat rents for developments and unit sizes;
- Different tenant rent percentages per development;
- Different tenant rent percentages per bedroom size;
- Saturday and evening office hours;
- Security Deposit waivers;
- Revised transfer policies;
- Site-based waiting lists;
- Mass Media advertising/Public service announcements; and
- Giveaways.

## 2. Income Targeting

As public housing dwelling units become available for occupancy, responsible PHA employees will offer units to applicants on the waiting list. In accordance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1998, the PHA encourages occupancy of its developments by a broad range of families with incomes up to eighty percent (80%) of the median income for the jurisdiction in which the PHA operates. At a minimum, 40% of all new admissions to public housing **on an annual basis** will be families with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) (extremely low-income) of the area median income. The offer of assistance will be made without discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, handicap or familial status.

The PHA may employ a system of income ranges in order to maintain a public housing resident body composed of families with a range of incomes and rent paying abilities representative of the range of incomes among low-income families in the PHA's area of operation, and will take into account the average rent that should be received to maintain financial solvency. The selection procedures are designed so that selection of new public housing residents will bring the actual distribution of rents closer to the projected distribution of rents.

In order to implement the income targeting program, the following policy is adopted:

- ▶ The PHA may select, based on date and time of application and preferences, two

(2) families in the extremely low-income category and two (2) families from the lower/very low-income category alternately until the forty percent (40%) admission requirement of extremely low-income families is achieved (2 plus 2 policy).

- ▶ After the minimum level is reached, all selections may be made based solely on date, time and preferences. Any applicants passed over as a result of implementing this 2 plus 2 policy will retain their place on the waiting list and will be offered a unit in order of their placement on the waiting list.
- ▶ To the maximum extent possible, the offers will also be made to effect the PHA's policy of economic deconcentration.
- ▶ For the initial year of implementation, a pro-rated percentage of the new admissions will be calculated from April 1, 1999 through the end of the fiscal year. Following the initial implementation period, the forty percent (40%) requirement will be calculated based on new admissions for the fiscal year.
- ▶ The PHA reserves the option, at any time, to reduce the targeting requirement for public housing by no more than ten percent (10%), if it increases the target figure for its Section 8 program from the required level of seventy-five percent (75%) of annual new admissions to no more than eighty-five percent (85%) of its annual new admissions. (Optional for PHAs with both Section 8 and Public Housing programs)

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## Covington Housing Authority

### **Component 3, (6) Deconcentration and Income Mixing**

- a. ☐ Yes ☒ No: Does the PHA have any general occupancy (family) public housing developments covered by the deconcentration rule? If no, this section is complete. If yes, continue to the next question.
- b. ☐ Yes ☐ No: Do any of these covered developments have average incomes above or below 85% to 115% of the average incomes of all such developments? If no, this section is complete.

If yes, list these developments as follows:

<b>Deconcentration Policy for Covered Developments</b>			
<b>Development Name:</b>	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Explanation (if any) [see step 4 at §903.2(c)(1)(iv)]</b>	<b>Deconcentration policy (if no explanation) [see step 5 at §903.2(c)(1)(v)]</b>
			1.



## Housing Authority of the City of Covington

### Agency Plan Component 10 (B) Voluntary Conversion Initial Assessments:

- A. How many of the PHA's developments are subject to the Required Initial Assessment?

<b><u>Development</u></b>	<b><u>#</u></b>	<b><u>Development Name</u></b>	<b><u># Units</u></b>
LA00P238001		Helen Frick Village	40
LA00P238002		Harry Owens Villa	10

- B. How many of the PHA's developments are not subject to the Required Initial Assessments based on exemptions (e. g., elderly and/or disabled developments not general occupancy projects)?

All developments are subject to the required initial assessment.

- C. How many Assessments were conducted for the PHA's covered developments?

One PHA-wide assessment was performed for all developments in A above.

- D. Identify PHA developments that may be appropriate for conversion based in the Required Initial Assessments:

None – The PHA has determined that either conversion is not appropriate for either development at this time.

- E. If the PHA has not completed the Required Initial Assessments, describe the status of these assessments.

Required assessment completed

# ***Housing Authority of the City of Covington***

## ***Agency Follow-up Plan***

### ***COMMUNICATION***

***AREA OF CONCERN:***            *Inability of Residents to Communicate With Management Regarding Problems and Issues*

*Clear communication of services, procedures, other neighborhood-related issues and activities is a critical component in the success of a development. This section measures the level of that communication in the area of events, activities, and programs available to residents, and the ability of residents to communicate with management regarding problems and issues. The following are action's items that will be implemented for making improvements in this area:*

#### ***ACTION ITEMS***

***1.        Establish Communication Linkages***

*The Agency will immediately develop and implement a schedule of regular group meetings with Residents, Resident Advisory Board, or meet individually with residents to discuss resident concerns and perceptions on issue. If situations which are identified as problems are improved, then it is believed that satisfaction with this service area should improve.*

***2.        Resident-Oriented Service Training***

*The Agency will immediately schedule a series of training sessions and seminars which will focus on Resident-Oriented Service Delivery By PHA Staff and Personnel. These workshops will train PHA staff and personnel to effectively and politely communicate with residents. Course-work may include role-playing exercises which demonstrate the appropriate manner in which to interact with residents.*

***3.        Improve Internal Communications.***

*The Agency will immediately schedule a series of training sessions and seminars which will focus on Resident-Oriented Service Delivery By PHA Staff and Personnel. These workshops will train PHA staff and personnel to effectively*

*and politely communicate with residents. Course-work may include role-playing exercises which demonstrate the appropriate manner in which to interact with residents.*

*4. Ensure Written Policies and Procedures.*

*The Agency had conducted a review of its written policies and procedures to determine if all applicable policies and procedures have been documented and where necessary the Agency will prepare the missing documents. The Agency will also ensure that residents have copies of them that they have input and that the residents are in agreement with them. Care will be taken to assure that the Agency management or staff does not dictate policies. Finally, residents will be encouraged to participate, as much as possible, in policy development.*

*5. Use Culturally Relevant Language.*

*The Agency will immediately seek to institute and implement a policy of using culturally appropriate and relevant language in which to communicate with residents.*

*The Agency will also begin to institute a practice of preparing its written materials, including posters, signage, notices, bulletins, circulars, newsletters, and relevant reports in a language that is culturally appropriate for the majority of its residents that do not speak or understand English.*

*6. Institute A Common Point Of Reference for Notices.*

*The Agency will immediately identify and institute an effective and easily accessible method of communicating with residents. Suggested methods will include, but will not be limited to the following: flyers/letters sent with the rent bill, flyers/letters placed in all mailboxes or a community bulletin board.*

*7. Encourage Resident Involvement.*

*The Agency will immediately schedule a series of training sessions and seminars which will focus on Resident Involvement in Community Building. Suggested topics may include: Resident Leadership Training, Community Building, Volunteer Training, Entrepreneurship Training, etc. These workshops will be part of the Agency's plan to assist and encourage residents to be part of the solution, to join or develop committees/organizations to help improve the community.*

## *Neighborhood Appearance*

*AREA OF CONCERN:        Dissatisfaction With Upkeep In Different Areas  
of the Development*

*A poorly maintained development can lead to a number of problems. The appearance of the housing development should be neat and orderly. Ideally, the development should compliment the community and there should not be a clear line that defines the borders of the development due to perpetual problems such as litter, broken glass, and vandalism. Residents are encouraged to be part of the solution. There is an established process in place for residents to report problems. Management responds in a timely and professional manner to appearance problems in the community. The following are action items that the Agency will undertake to make improvements in this area.*

### *ACTION ITEMS*

#### *1.        Establish Communication Linkages*

*The Agency will immediately develop and implement a schedule of regular group meetings with Residents, Resident Advisory Board, or meet individually with residents to discuss resident concerns and perceptions on this issue.*

#### *2.        Find Life Enhancement Program Partners.*

*The Agency will immediately begin a review of its policy regarding abandoned buildings and vacancy to bring it up to date and evaluate its effectiveness. If found to be inadequate, the Agency will revise and improve its systems to address this issue more rigorously.*

#### *3.        Schedule Anti-Pest Treatments and Trash Removal Pickups More Frequently.*

*The Agency will immediately reschedule and implement a more regular pest extermination program more frequently and on an as needed basis, if necessary. It will also implement quarterly trash days on which large items can be picked up.*

4. *Be Proactive About Improving The Appearance of Neighborhood.*

*The Agency will immediately develop and implement a program for improving the overall appearance of the neighborhood. This program will include, but will not be limited to the following activities:*

- *Conducting an assessment (at least visually) of the community on a daily basis.*
- *Management and Executive Staff becoming personally involved in this assessment and not just relying on staff for input.*
- *Starting a neighborhood appearance council made up of residents. Awarding prizes or recognizing to residents with the best kept yard and recognizing that individual or family in a newsletter*
- *Eliminating graffiti within 24 hours of report*

## *Housing Authority of the City of Covington*

### *Resident Advisory Board Comments*

*Commissioner had a problem with the words "Community Service" being used as a name for that Program. He felt the terminology is associated with jail. He felt that they should name in something else.*

*In the meeting we discussed some major issues that were a problem in the complex. Things like garbage around dumpsters, improper doorknobs and screens. The tenants had a few concerns such as pay phones in playground area, central air in apartments and ants.*

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Line No.	Summary by Development Account	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost	
		Original	Revised	Obligated	Expended
1	Total Non-Capital Funds				
2	1406 Operating Expenses				
3	1408 Management Improvements	16,000.00		0.00	0.00
4	1410 Administration				
5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	7,000.00		0.00	0.00
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement	62,000.00		0.00	0.00
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	7,832.00		0.00	0.00
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment-Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
13	1475 Nondwelling Equipment				
14	1485 Demolition				
15	1490 Replacement Reserve				
16	1492 Moving to Work Demonstration				
17	1495.1 Relocation Costs				
18	1499 Development Activities				
19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
20	1502 Contingency				
21	<b>Amount of Annual Grant (sums of lines 2-20)</b>	<b>92,832.00</b>		<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
23	Amount of Line 21 Related to Section 504 Compliance				
24	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security - Soft Costs				
25	Amount of Line 21 Related to Security - Hard Costs				
26	Amount of Line 21 Related to Energy Conservation Measures				

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Development Number Name/HA-Wide Activities	General Description of Major Work Categories	Dev. Acct No.	Quantity	Total Estimated Cost		Total Actual Cost		Status of Work
				Original	Revised	Funds Obligated	Funds Expended	
PHA Wide	Management Improvements: Security	1408		16,000.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
LA 238								
	A/E Planning Fees and services	1430		7,000.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
	Site Improvements:							
	Site fill & erosion drainage problems	1450		23,000.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
	Site signage (both sites)	1450		3,000.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
	Landscaping maintenance	1450		20,000.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
	Upgrade & install new playground equipment	1450		15,000.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
	Stripping of parking lot	1450		1,000.00		0.00	0.00	Complete
	Dwelling Structures:							
	Extermination of units	1460		4,832.00		0.00	0.00	In progress
	Pressure washing of units	1460		3,000.00		0.00	0.00	Complete

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5	1411 Audit				
6	1415 Liquidated Damages				
7	1430 Fees and Costs	7,000.00		0.00	0.00
8	1440 Site Acquisition				
9	1450 Site Improvement				
10	1460 Dwelling Structures	82,415.00		0.00	0.00
11	1465.1 Dwelling Equipment-Nonexpendable				
12	1470 Nondwelling Structures				
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19	1501 Collateralization or Debt Service				
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22	Amount of line 21 Related to LBP Activities				
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PHA Wide	Bidding and advertisements	1410		500.00		0.00	0.00	
	A/E Planning Fees and services	1430		7,000.00		0.00	0.00	
	Install central a/c and upgrade electrical at 001	1460	23 units	82,415.00		0.00	0.00	
	TOTAL			89,915.00		0.00	0.00	

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### Part III: Implementation Schedule

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